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In re Patent Application of)
Shinji NAKAMURA et al.) Group Art Unit: 2815
Serial No. 09/680,054) Examiner: J. Jackson, Jr.
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For: METHOD OF APPARATUS FOR)
CONTROLLING PROGRESS OF)
PRODUCT PROCESSING)

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the election requirement in the Office Action of December 6, 2001, Applicants hereby elect without traverse the Group II claims - that is, claims 17-29 and 44-60, drawn to a process.

Examination on the merits is requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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